

“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32



Psalm 74:17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

December 1, 2019

Schedule of Services

Worship...	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
	Sunday	6:00 p.m.
Bible Study...	Sunday	10:00 a.m.
	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.

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PRAYER LIST

Cindy Dobbs—health issues
Austin and Grace Clark—health
Joe Wilkerson-health
Al Haskell - kidneys
Marty Stearns— health
Dan Goddard-serious health issues
Wayne Timmons-health-remains weak
Joan’s brother Hurley and Opal, sister Christena
Apostolico in Ohio—health problems, and Donna
Chere’— Pryia health and Adam Vannoy.
Bill Alldaffer—Edith Taylor- Bill’s mother, Cody Cantrell-
coma, Tim Asbury—Medical Rehab
Rachel Hall—health problems
Cindy Atkinson—health. (knee), Cindy’s friends-Ireland
Family, Wayne Hamilton, Kathy, Jody Rynca-cancer,
Mitchell Larson and Walt and Ilene Davenport—health,
Charles Brewer—physical therapy at home, Marie
Hall—health
Betty requests prayers for Earlene Currier-health-Betty’s
Aunt, Betty’s daughters: Donna, Carrie, Susan Wills,
Debra and Lauren Weidner-grand-daughter
Wendy’s Mom—health
Joyce Artibee-knee replacement

Philippians 4:6 “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

Food closet: Paper Products

Ladies Bible Class December 10, 2019
(the 24th is cancelled due to holiday)

SERMON

AM: Shine Forth as the Sun in the Kingdom (Mt. 13:43)

PM: A Picture of the Judgment (Mt. 25:31-46)

One Code of Morality

The social turbulence of the 1960s created a revolution in societal mores among the baby boomer generation. The stated philosophy of “do your own thing” literally has “gone to seed” in American society. The result is that many Americans live their lives and make their day-to-day moral decisions on the basis of a hodge-podge of values drawn from a variety of sources. Situation ethics is the order of the day, and the average person simply acts on his feelings and personal opinions. Morality is now individualistic—with each person formulating his own belief system and then measuring his behavior against that subjective, personal, moral framework. Concomitant with the development of this circumstance is the corresponding sentiment that no one should “judge” anyone else’s beliefs or actions, and everyone should be “tolerant” of the diversity of viewpoints that permeate society. When such a state of affairs holds sway, one should not be surprised to encounter jurors who are lenient with a woman who murdered her husband in cold blood. One should not be surprised when millions of law-breaking, illegal immigrants are tolerated and even excused. One should not be surprised that repeat

offenders who rape, maim, and murder are allowed to circumvent the criminal justice system and perpetuate their atrocities on innocent citizens.

The Founding Fathers of the American Republic would be deeply saddened to see the extent to which our civilization has slumped from its original high moral ground. In a letter from Paris dated August 28, 1789, Thomas Jefferson wrote to James Madison: “I know but one code of morality for men whether acting singly or collectively” (1789). He was simply expressing the widespread view of the Founders as well as the populace of the United States at the time. Indeed, he merely articulated biblical reality, in which moral value, good, and evil, are defined by the Creator in His Word, the Bible. By that Word and by that standard, every human being’s life will one day be measured. In the words of Jesus Christ: “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (John 12:48). Indeed, the day is coming when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).

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REFERENCE

Jefferson, Thomas (1789), “Letter to James Madison,” The Works of Thomas Jefferson in Twelve Volumes, ed. Paul Leicester Ford, [Online], URL: [http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/mtj:@field\(DOCID+@lit\(tj050135\)\)](http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/mtj:@field(DOCID+@lit(tj050135))).

HOW TO MAKE OTHERS FRIENDLIER

I am exasperated at how unfriendly the people at church are. They never speak to me. When they do speak, I feel as though I am simply being tolerated. I do not feel a part of their “crowd.” It is so unfair! But I have the answers for me and any other poor soul who has encountered such unfriendliness.

I am going to make everyone converse with me. I’ll strike up conversations with every-one at church, including those I hardly even know. To make it better, I am going to find out what interests them, so I’ll have plenty to say and hear with them. I’m not going to give them the chance not to speak to me. I will eagerly listen to what they say, and they will think they’ve never met someone so sincerely interested. That’ll fix them!

I am going to wear a big smile. I am going to develop a personality so magnetic that no one can resist getting to know me better. My grin will be an open invitation to visitors and members alike. I bet they’ll all wonder what’s gotten into me, that I’m so happy. They’ll be eager to be a part of what makes me so cheerful!

I am going to do unsolicited acts of kindness. I’ll send them notes of cheer, cards of sympathy, and letters of encouragement. I’ll visit their sick family members and neighbors. They won’t know what hit them. I’ll pray for those folks down at church, by name, every night!

I am going to stay around longer after the last amen. I’ll hang around the auditorium, get to the foyer early enough to catch the early departures, talk to the elderly, the small children, and even the visitors. I bet they’ll mistake me for a deacon or an usher.

I am going to study every passage on friendliness and kindness I can find. I’ll memorize, “A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother” (Proverbs 18:24). I’ll quote, “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ has forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:32). I will model Colossians 3:12, “Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering.” I’ll carry a plaque with me that reads, “A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity” (Proverbs 17:17). I will memorize the beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12), the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), and the Christian graces (2 Peter 1:5-7). I can’t kill them with kindness unless I’ve got my gun loaded!

Whew! Now I’m ready. Those unfriendly folks at church don’t stand a chance. I’ll melt every cold stare. I’ll dodge every harsh word. I’ll deflect every criticism with the shield of warmth. I’ll be so friendly . . . hmmmmm . . . maybe that was the biggest part of the problem anyway. If I were more friendly . . .

—Neal Pollard

SUNDAY 12/1/2019

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Al Haskell

Song Leader: Marty Stearns

Opening Prayer: Todd Penoyer

Lord's Supper: Lead: Al Haskell

Assist: Bill Alldaffer, Todd Penoyer

Preaching: Michael Golwitzer

Closing Prayer: Al Haskell

Bible Class:

Song Lead: Bill Alldaffer

Teacher: Michael Golwitzer

Opening Prayer: Todd Penoyer

Evening Worship:

Announcements: Al Haskell

Song Leader: Al Haskell

Opening Prayer: Al Haskell

Preaching: Michael Golwitzer

Lord's Supper: Marty Stearns

Closing Prayer: Marty Stearns

WEDNESDAY 12/4/2019

Song Leader: Bill Alldaffer

Opening Prayer: Todd Penoyer

Bible Teacher: Michael Golwitzer

Closing Prayer: Al Haskell

